

TITLE 12. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
PROPOSED REGULATIONS

509. End of Life Option Act

(a) All terminally ill members shall receive appropriate and necessary medical care, including counseling, hospice, and palliative care, as appropriate and desired.

(b) The Veterans Home shall not provide aid-in-dying drugs, as defined in California Health and Safety Code section 443.1, subdivision (b). Employees, independent contractors, or other persons or entities, including health care providers, shall not participate in any activities under the End of Life Option Act, California Health and Safety Code sections 443-443.22, while on the premises of the Veterans Home, or while acting within the course and scope of any employment by, or contract with, the Veterans Home.

(c) If a member intends to take an aid-in-dying drug to end his or her life, prior to receiving and taking the drug, the member shall discharge from the Veterans Home.

(d) The Veterans Home shall re-admit a member if the member discharges pursuant to this section, elects not to take the aid-in-dying drug, and elects to return to the Veterans Home.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 74(a), 79.2(a), 79.2(c), and 1014, Military and Veterans Code. Reference: Sections 443, 443.1, 443.2, 443.3, 443.4, 443.5, 443.6, 443.7, 443.8, 443.9, 443.10, 443.11, 443.12, 443.13, 443.14, 443.15, 443.16, 443.17, 443.18, 443.19, 443.20, 443.21, 443.215 and 443.22, Health and Safety Code; 42 U.S.C. § 14402; and 38 C.F.R. § 51.210.